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FOLLOWING SENT MOSCOW FROM LENINGRAD ON 19 JULY.

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SUBJ: RECREATIONAL BOATING

REF: A. STATE 151517

B. LENINGRAD 556

1. REQUEST EMBASSY REVIEW FOLLOWING TELEGRAM AND FORWARD TO DEPARTMENT ALONG WITH ITS COMMENTS.

2. IF SOVIETS HAVE SHOWN NO INTEREST IN RECREATIONAL BOATING IN SAN FRANCISCO AREA, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT WE WILL NOT OBTAIN MORE SATISFACTORY CONDITIONS FOR BOATING IN LENINGRAD UNLESS STRICT RECIPROCITY IS APPLIED AT PIONEER POINT WHERE SOVIETS ARE INTERESTED IN BOATING.

3. WE RECOGNIZE THAT IN PRINCIPLE IT DESIRABLE TO MAKE TRADE OFFS BETWEEN SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND OUR EMBASSY IN MOSCOW. WE ARE NOT IN POSITION HERE TO JUDGE WHAT RESPECTIVE ADVANTAGES THERE WOULD BE TO BOTH SIDES FROM BOATING THAT WAS NOT STRICTLY RECREATIONAL. BUT IT SEEMS LOGICAL TO ASSUME THAT SUCH AN ANGLE MAY BE INVOLVED IN SOVIET PRACTICE OF
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MAINTAINING A NUMBER OF BOATS AT PIONEER POINT BUT NONE AT SAN

FRANCISCO, A PORT CITY. A PARALLEL ASSUMPTION IS THAT SOVIETS HAVE DELIBERATELY DENIED THEMSELVES BOATING IN SAN FRANCISCO IN ORDER TO PREVENT US FROM HAVING RECIPROCAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR BOATING IN LENINGRAD. THEREFORE, IN PRACTICE WE MAY BE AFFORDING SOVIETS AN ADVANTAGE IF WE STICK TO THE PRINCIPLE OF APPLYING RECIPROCITY ONLY BETWEEN RESPECTIVE EMBASSIES AND CONGENS.

4. AS INDICATED IN REFTTEL B, LIMITATIONS SPECIFIED FOR RECREATIONAL BOATING IN LENINGRAD AREA MAKE IT SCARCELY WORTH- WHILE AND POSSIBLY UNWISE TO UNCRATE OUR BOAT AND PUT IT INTO THE WATER TO BE MOORED AT ZELENOGORSK. IN ADDITIONAL TO INCONVENIENCE OF AT LEAST ONE HOUR DRIVE TO MOORING AGEA, OUR OBSERVATIONS (INCLUDING EXAMINATION OF NAVIGATION CHARTS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH EXPERIENCED LOCAL SAILING ENTHUSIASTS) INDICATE THIS UNDESIRABLE AND EVEN DANGEROUS SAILING AREA. (IT IS OF INTEREST THAT RECENT APPROVAL GIVEN TO WEST GERMAN BERTOLD BEITZ TO BRING HIS SAILBOAT DIRECTLY INTO LENINGRAD, WHILE REQUEST FOR SIMILAR APPROVAL FOR CONSUL GENERAL'S SWEDISH RELATIVES WAS TURNED DOWN.)

5. WE RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT AGAIN RAISE QUESTION WITH SOVIET EMBASSY OF STRICT RECIPROCITY AND COMPARABLE LIMITATIONS FOR RECREATIONAL BOATING IN AREAS WHERE RESPECTIVE SIDES DESIRE TO CONDUCT SUCH BOATING AT THE PRESENT TIME. DEPARTMENT MIGHT POINT OUT THAT FURTHER STUDY OF SOVIET APRIL 1973 STIPULATIONS MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THEY ARE NOT EVEN A "HALF-LOAF."

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